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VIACHESLAV V. ZHURIN et al.)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION OF VIACHESLAV V. ZHURIN

VIACHESLAV V. ZHURIN, being duly sworn, deposes and states
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1. I am one of the named inventors in the above-identified application.
2. Because I am over the age of sixty-five (65) years, I hereby petition the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to make the above application "Special" so that it will be examined more promptly.
3. My co-applicant, Victor B. Tikhonov, is also over the age of sixty-five (65) years.
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